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TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 1922.

LINING UP MEMBERSHIPS.

THE Y. W. C. A. begins this week its membership campaign with the usual systematic organization and fine personnel of workers that feature all the woman's work of this kind in the county. This drive ought to register thousands of Fairmont women among the Y. W. C. A. membership. The organization is one in which all local women are intensely interested, and it is the only community organization of a welfare nature governed by the women alone, for the benefit of women and girls of the city and surrounding territory.

The business management of the Y. W. C. A. is beyond criticism. Their financial statement recently published created most favorable comment from all who studied it. The organization is a "going" organization, and the women back of it are giving it their closest attention, determined that the Y. W. C. A. of Fairmont shall be one of the best in the state, and successful in every department of work undertaken.

The only difficulty now encountered by the organization is the too crowded quarters. It is realized that the time is not now propitious to ask the public for funds for a larger home, but the building now used is overflowing every day. There is no other building in the city that is giving such service. It is crowded with committee meetings, with classes for women and girls, with organizations that meet there for monthly dinners and business sessions. The great need for a Y. W. C. A. in Fairmont was amply demonstrated by the eager way in which the womanhood of the city appropriated the headquarters the instant it was opened. The success of the cafeteria has been a continuing feature. The dining room is the only public reading room now available for the people, and the small library is the only one of its kind in the city where books may be obtained and taken home for reading. The classes in educational and physical training courses are splendid, and classes in sewing are welcomed by girls glad of the chance to learn how to sew.

Fairmont women, interested in benefitting the women and girls of the city, and who enjoy going to the Y. W. C. A. themselves for the various interesting programs and features continually offered there, are backing the membership drive in every ward in Fairmont and the work of conducting the drive will proceed with assurance.

For years the women of the city have labored for other campaign and drives. They have worked assiduously for the Red Cross, for the Salvation Army, for the Hospital Association, for the Liberty Loan campaign, for the Associated Charities, for all municipal benefits affecting all of the populace.

The Y. W. C. A. organization is the sole organization for which the women of the city make an appeal which is to benefit women and girls alone. It is controlled solely by the women, and for the women, and the girls. Its interests are only those looking toward the teaching and training, educationally, physically, socially, and religiously, the girlhood of the city. Such a purpose will enlist every woman and girl, and the memberships ought to pour into the Y. W. C. A. during the days of the drive.

THE LIVING MONUMENT.

THE United States could ill afford to lose Henry Davison, noted financier and world philanthropist. While success in business life showered wealth upon this man, love of wealth never withered his regard for his fellow man, and never loomed larger than humanity's need.

Among the many brilliant, successful and shrewd business men whom the country called into service during the World War none responded more wholeheartedly than Henry Davison, and as directing head of the American Red Cross he commanded a volunteer organization that has never had an equal for efficiency and attainment. The Red Cross mobilized under the direction of Davison in whirlwind fashion, and the first drive which brought into the Red Cross treasury \$114,000,000, furnished funds to place into the countries of the Allies that marvelous organization supported by America, which labored at gigantic tasks, and came through the war with no breath of criticism upon any part of its magnificent work.

Sidelights

SOME SUGGESTIONS.
Now that the Fairmont public has the Fairmont postal employees have done all they can to help make for better service here, it might be well for the postoffice department at Washington to do a little something to help matters out locally. For instance, we need many new boxes at the local office. We understand that there are numerous applications on file for the office. We do not mean in the sense that the employees are care-

able to control, and to safely guide the shifting of the American Red Cross amidst all the turmoil and the uncertainty of war conditions, and long after his most notable ability as one of the nation's foremost financiers has faded from the memory of mankind, long after his name has ceased to have meaning for Wall Street, his untiring zeal both during and after the war for suffering humanity, will remain untarnished and clear before the people of this and other countries that have benefited by his devotion and wisdom.

CLIMBING THE LADDER.

F the general attitude toward life now uppermost in the human race could be summed up in one word, the word would be, dissatisfaction. The human race is straining on the leash in every walk of life, under every living condition. It is surging against limitations that have never aroused resistance before. In short, humanity is in process, according to all indication, of bursting the confining shell of education thought, and beliefs which has protected life up to this period of existence, but which is now apparently too small to hold the things it has hitherto been large enough to shield.

Humanity is seeking, seeking, nowadays. In business life one theory after another is being developed and discarded almost before being fairly operated. An inventorist covers an important patented and on the market until it is surpassed and made obsolete by a more clever invention. An industry installs a lot of expensive machinery, only to find in the next breath that a newer development must replace it if that industry is to keep pace in its output and quality.

There is continual discontent in art, in literature, in education. The world has never seen such outrageous travesties on canvas as futurists and realists have painted; the world has never read such books as now masquerade under modern thought and mind progress. The entire educational system of this country is seething with new kinds of mental training, new ideas about teaching, new processes in practical study. There is nothing short of a revolution in the educational life of the people.

The solid, substantial, dependable fabric of the web of life as spun in previous years seems to be fraying under the very eyes of the observer, the threads breaking and tangling as they separate. And yet, this mighty heaving discontent is not a reason for alarm, not for pessimistic fear, not for morbid prophesy. It is rather that life is launching out for wider scope, for greater things than the world has ever witnessed, for more tremendous range and reach. The world is shedding a cocoon. The process is disconcerting to witness, it is awesome in its portent but it is part of God's plan for humanity. That infinite power that directs the destiny of the universe is planting discontent and dissatisfaction that growth and expansion may follow.

If the fingers of humanity are loosening form a grip upon the things that have hitherto brought content and well being, be very sure that it is but to fasten them upon other things that will in turn satisfy and benefit. It is the process of letting go and taking hold that excites fear and concern.

The thing the world awaits, with almost breathless tension, is leadership. How the masses of people surge against the present substitute for leadership in the vital clamor to push on. There are too few great men. There is but a pitiful handful of them in comparison with the crying need. The war robbed the world of men, priceless in the face of the present crisis. Undeveloped, immature, but vessels brimming with power and vision, they were shattered and lost, and now humanity reaches gropingly, venturing here and there impelled by undeniable impulse, unable to linger, but, for the moment, unable to proceed in accordance with the compulsion to proceed.

The outlook is overwhelming. Hands, millions of them reaching out to take hold of a higher rung in the ladder. Forward, forward, upward, upward. Unrest, dissatisfaction, discontent, turmoil and GROWTH.

THE Automobile Club's drive for new members has been staged against Clean Up Week, against Memorial Day preparations, against Y. W. C. A. drive preparations, against the Business Girl's flower day plans, and a hundred and one other affairs demanding publicity and space in the local papers, but the club has proceeded steadily upon its way, and reports last night were very good. The effect of a good automobile club, bent upon enforcement and personal observation of road rules will mean as much for the safety of the community as Health Week, and Clean Up Week, to say nothing of the relief from nervous strain and anxiety experienced by every one when drivers of the vicinity are considering safety first in compliance with club rules. Any driver who dreads to take his car over local roads should belong to the club, where he may add his personal weight against the kind of flightiness that prevailed in this community last summer.

It is expected that the B. & O. Company will have some announcement to make regarding freight rates from the Monongahela Valley at a meeting called for May 16 or 19. Shippers have been impatiently awaiting the decision which has certainly been long enough in coming. It is felt in Fairmont and the neighboring territory that some worth while terms should be forthcoming, and the results of the conference will be awaited with greatest interest.

Numbers of Odd Fellows and their ladies leave tomorrow to attend the Grand Encampment of the order in Elkins. Several women who are members of the local Rebekahs will receive advanced degrees during the encampment, a special honor for these ladies. Fairmont women are leaders in women's fraternal organizations, and but few state conventions of any kind pass without some Fairmont woman receiving special recognition during the sessions.

At this time. About a year ago blue prints were made and approved for the placing of several hundred more private boxes in the local office, but no action has been taken since that time. It is said that the rental on the additional lock boxes in one year would more than pay for the installation of the same. It would be a great improvement and a big help to local patrons of the postoffice department if this matter could have immediate attention.

Another thing that should be done at once is to clean up about the office. We do not mean in the sense that the employees are care-

ment either for the government or Fairmont.

Let's brighten the corners down at the postoffice.

RUFF STUFF

Add one more gleam of glory around the rotund and famous T. D. Connell. He addressed the Quota Club yesterday.

Adam Stansbury called up yesterday and wanted to know why his name had not appeared in Ruff Stuff for a long time. If Adam will take the time to look over the stubs on his check book possibly he can figure out the reason. It takes the jack to get real advertising.

It is understood that all those who held jobs in the late M. P. & R. Co. will still retain them. No official statement has been given out about the positions.

Mark Twain said that he once counted 136 different kinds of weather in twenty-four hours. East Side will be in a comparatively new condition.

The circus will be here Thursday. The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been postponed, so all the boys can go to the night show.

Local prohibition officers are requested not to examine the elephants' trunk.

The armed march of the miners has been described as a "comic opera war." Shades of the "Wiz and of Oz." Pick out your own scare crow and tin man.

Two bundles of clothes have been lost on Morgantown avenue. Until they are returned the "East Side" will be in a comparatively new condition.

Send in your barrels for the "near east relief" movement.

We presume the "polecat gas" rights went to the West Penn in the merger.

This no doubt was one of the "main" considerations.

Notice the esteemed West Virginian had an editorial about "Amusing Flights" last night. Didn't read it, but presume some political making a speech.

Speaking of oratory—when is M. M. Neely going to announce and start making the welkin ring?

One time we heard a politician well warmed up say, "hitching our wagon to the star of destiny let us stand firm in our faith and be dragged through to a successful conclusion."

"Hold 'em Mucky's Eye," as they say in Morgantown.

Notice in the papers Mrs. E. P. Moore wants a cook. There are also more who want cooks.

Hope it warms up so the sands will be hot for the Shriners ceremonial. But perhaps they have in instantaneous heaters in the East Side High School Building.

The Astonisher this morning in a story under a by line of one of the owners uses the term "familiar faces" in connection with the passing of the M. P. & R. Co.

The next time "Ned" steps on the third floor of the Watson Building, he'll get the R. S. V. P. "Rasp-berry Selected" Vocal Plaudits."

Bankers to See Yeggs in Ohio—headline. Well, perhaps the bankers owe the yeggs a few return calls.

One professor having made a monkey out of himself for \$100, W. J. Bryan is not going to make the offer a standing one or a free for

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THURSDAY, MAY 11

less and negligent, but we mean that the building should have a fresh coat of paint inside. It is getting to look rather dingy in many spots, and here and there a over the building the plaster is falling down. This is not in keeping with the spirit of civic pride in Fairmont. The people of Fairmont can't step in on Uncle Sam's property and do painting and plastering, but in the keeping with the spirit of Civic Improvement Week the postoffice department should make these suggested improvements. With dirty walls and plaster off in many places, the local office is not a very good advertisement.

all. He just wanted to see if it could be done.

We could have told him how simple it was for half the price.

There will be a lemon social at the Christian Church one night this week. A lotta you guys who read this kolum should go.

An efficiency expert is a guy who shakes a hard boiled egg to see if it is fresh.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT GIRL SAYS
FAIRMONT, May 9.—(Editor The West Virginian)—Few men, these days, ever get up and give their street car seats to a lady. Chivalry is almost a dead thing in our country.

Just recently a man did rise, when I stood, strap hanging in front of him, and gave me his seat. I think he was a perfect gentleman.

A YOUNG GIRL

A REAL GENTLEMAN
EVERSON, May 9.—(Editor The West Virginian)—A gentleman is a man who treats all persons with the utmost respect whether it is due them or not.
A READER

FAIRMONT, May 9.—(Editor The West Virginian)—A reader of The West Virginian became interested in the question of what a perfect gentleman is. A gentleman is a well-bred and honorable man, mild, refined in manner and disposition, and with great respect for himself and surroundings. That is my opinion of a perfect gentleman.
B. C. K.

E. S. MCCOLLOUGH WILL ADDRESS KIWANIS CLUB

Elvadore S. McCollough, labor commissioner of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, will address the Fairmont Kiwanis Club at its weekly luncheon tomorrow noon at the Young Woman's Christian Association Cafeteria.

Mr. McCollough will take as his subject that all important topic of the times, "Labor." From just what angle he intends to discuss it is unknown but, judging from his official capacity, members of the organization presume that he will talk on the coal strike situation.

Decision will be made at this meeting on the question of entering the Kiwanis clubs baseball league. Plans will be made also for the entertaining of high school boys at luncheon in an endeavor to persuade them to continue in their school work.

Berton Braley's Poem

WHY FRET?
Now Margo! Asquith says we're crude
And Bernard Shaw avows we're awful.
And Mrs. Glyn avers we're rude
And that our ways are most un-
lucky!
They have a right to such a view
Although perhaps we may not
love it.
Yet I would briefly ask of you,
What of it?

It's natural they should discuss
Their thoughts about this broad
dominion.
But why should we make such a fuss
About each foreigner's opinion?
About our daily tasks we move
In spite of guests who knock and
batter,
If they approve or disapprove,
It doesn't matter!

A hundred million folks or more
Compose this fairly well-known
nation,
And if the guests who reach our
country,
Decide, upon due contemplation,
To speak with balm or bitter gall
As on their homeward way they
hurry,
It makes no difference at all,
So—let's not worry!
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New Railroad Platform
The B. & O. Railroad Co. constructed a platform at the station here the latter part of the week, about two hundred feet long. The trestlework was constructed from timbers brought here from some heavy trestle work and filled in with two or three carloads of cinders. It is a great improvement, but there is no shed or shelter to protect freight that is put off and to shelter those waiting on trains during rainy weather.

Hoult People Not Gaily
The blacksmith at Shamrock mine here who was attacked while on his way home from work, resulting in the sending of a couple State Police here, was not attacked at Hoult or by Hoult miners, but while on his way home as he lives on the other side of the river. He got into an altercation with some foreign miners at Dakota and was struck by one of them.

Roads Being Worked
The men working on the roads of the district were working the road between here and Norwood Saturday, using a road machine or grader, drawn by an Avery tractor. After the machine has been over the roads the sub-overseer, D. E. Snider, will then have a chance to finish the work.

New Real Estate Deal
Charles and Golda Hoult and Clarence Robinson have sold the property that they owned adjoining Anthony Bowen's Sanford

Place addition at Hoult to Mr. Bowen, and he will add it to the other development and lay it into lots for sale to prospective home owners.

Little Girl Hurt
Margaret, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tichnel, was so badly cut on the hand by a piece of glass when she fell down Friday that the parents had to take her to the hospital and get the hurt dressed. It was necessary to take three stitches and the parents fear that she may have a permanently crippled hand. She was at Sunday school yesterday with her hand in a sling and seemed to be suffering no pain or other inconvenience.

Church News
The day was beautiful Sunday but the attendance at Sunday school was not unusually large, being only about 70 per cent. The Rev. F. E. Wiles after Sunday school, preached a strong sermon on the theme "Being Judases."

The Teacher Training Class met Saturday night at Earl Holbert's and studied the last chapter of part one of the text book. The questions for examination on part one have been received and the examination will be taken at no distant date. The next series of

PERSONALS
Albert Prickett, who was visiting relatives in Ohio for several weeks, returned here last week.

Mrs. Edna Huffman and sons Kenneth and Husted, Mrs. Bessie Bernard and infant son and Miss Madeline Keller were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Casteel, in Fairmont Sunday.

Mrs. William Bailey of Baxter and Mrs. Herbert Bailey of Fairmont are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. F. J. Pennington and children who had been visiting Mrs. Pennington's mother in Elkins for several weeks, have returned home.

Gordon Herrould of Monongalia County was calling on Ben Wilson's one day last week.

SNIPERS STILL ACTIVE.
BELFAST, May 9.—Snipers are continuing their activities in York street. A woman and a man were killed today, another being struck by a bullet, sustaining a slight wound.

It's Time For White Shoes Again



Once again the Calendar has rolled around to the White Shoe Season, and never at the beginning of any Season before have we been as well prepared to supply your every want.

There's Low heels, High heels, Cuban heels, Junior Louis heel and Flat heels in one-straps, two-straps, sandals and oxfords.

Delay may mean missing the very shoe you're wanting—Come in tomorrow and make your selections.

Shurtleff & Melton

"Shoes that Satisfy"

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We still have some

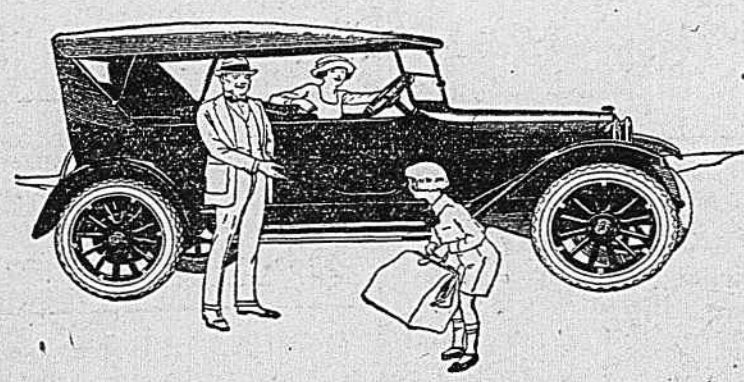
SUITS

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A few of those very good Wool Jersey and Tweed Suits, remaining from our sale of last week, are to be had at this extreme low price. They are remarkably well made, neatly styled and desirable.

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